

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”

WHEREAS, the month of September is declared National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, this year approximately 230,110 men in the U. S. will learn that they have prostate cancer, and across the nation, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer in men; and

WHEREAS, approximately 29, 900 men will lose their lives to this disease this year, and one in six men in the nation are at risk of prostate cancer during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, it is known that about one-third of prostate cancer occurs in men under the age of 65 during their prime work years, and at any age prostate cancer devastates families through loss of income, partnership and support; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer leaves too many parents, women, children and other family members without a man they love, and African American families are disproportional affected due to African American men having the highest prostate cancer incidence in the world and being twice as likely to die of the disease than other American men; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that men could reduce their risk of prostate cancer mortality if they followed recommended prostate cancer screening guidelines, including examination by a health care provider and increased awareness and use of early detection practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim September 2004 as “PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all men in our community to become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, talk to their health care providers about prostate cancer, and whenever appropriate, get screened for the disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 14th day of September 2004.

Mayor